



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 383

Senate, March 30, 2009

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT EXEMPTING REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
FROM PAYMENT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-81 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subdivision (77) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2009, and applicable to*
3 *assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009*):

4 (NEW) (77) Real property belonging to, or held in trust for, a
5 regional council of elected officials established under sections 4-124c to
6 4-124f, inclusive, a regional council of governments established under
7 sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, or a regional planning agency
8 organized under sections 8-31a to 8-37b, inclusive, provided such
9 property is used to advance the official duties of such council or
10 agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009</i>	12-81
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - See Below	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill exempts certain property owned by regional council of elected officials, regional council of governments, and regional planning agencies from property taxation effective October 1, 2009. A municipality could increase its mill rate or modify spending to offset any decrease in property taxes as a result of the abatement.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 383*****AN ACT EXEMPTING REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
FROM PAYMENT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill exempts real property owned or held in trust by a regional planning organization (RPO) from the property tax, so long as it is used to advance the organization's official duties. By law, the three types of RPOs are regional councils of governments, regional councils of elected officials, and regional planning agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2009)